

Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Rowe Town Hall - Hearing Room 1

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Morse at 6:32pm

Present: Chair Jennifer Morse, Vice-Chair Dennis May, Chuck Sokol and Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau

Also Present: Finance Committee: Wayne Zavotka, Paul McLatchy III and Loretta Dionne, School Committee Chair Susan Zavotka

OLD BUSINESS

1. MLP Update: Bob Handsaker of Charlemont Broadband Committee asked to speak with the Select Board and the Municipal Light Plant Manager about the edge cases in Charlemont on Tatro Road. It was agreed to ask if he could meet on March 21st to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 6:30 p.m. - Meeting with School Committee: MTRSD Assessment Discussion: School Committee Chair explained that there was a draft of an agreement with Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) to replace a former agreement due to changes in the method that Massachusetts Dept. of Education formulates tuition costs. The past agreement was set up when Rowe was asked to withdraw from the district since it differed greatly from other towns with its commercial/industrial base and was affecting school costs for area towns. The new agreement, replacing the old, will take an average of the per pupil assessment for MTRSD towns to determine Rowe's per pupil costs as Rowe is not a member of the District. Ms. Zavotka explained that discussions have been ongoing for 2 years to work out specifics and work with MTRSD to formulate this agreement. There was discussion about providing information to citizens and it was agreed to have an informational session in the future. School Committee Chair Susie Zavotka presented a draft warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting and asked if the Select Board would support the warrant article to change the MTRSD agreement.

Motion to Approve Article: Following discussion, Member Sokol made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the article presented by the School Committee to be numbered as appropriate among other approved articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as written. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair May, was unanimously accepted. 3/0/0.

Motion to Support Warrant Article: Member Sokol made a motion that the Board of Selectmen makes a statement of support for the Tuition Agreement with Mohawk Trail Regional School District with the amendment added of the word 'transportation' in front of the word 'revenues' in the Tuition Agreement as written. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair May, was unanimously accepted. 3/0/0.

2. Meeting with Finance Committee FY19 Budget Review: Select Board and Finance Committee Members reviewed each Department's budget and special project requests and discussed in detail. There were adjustments made on the proposed budget following discussion. It was agreed to continue to work on this and meet again to discuss.
3. Update Job Descriptions: DPW Superintendent, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Custodian, Treasurer: Tabled until next meeting
4. Library Building: Discuss Heating Emergency Notification: Tabled until next meeting
5. Council on Aging Contract for Services: Tabled until next meeting
6. Review Draft Bereavement Policy to Update for Personnel Policy Manual: Tabled until next meeting
7. Executive Secretary Updates: Tabled until next meeting

Warrants FY18 W17, Payroll FY18 W16

Dennis May invoked the Rule of Necessity to sign the Payroll Warrants as his wife was on the payroll.

Citizen Comments

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Chair Morse made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 9:56 p.m. The motion, seconded Vice-Chair May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)


Janice Boudreau
Executive Secretary

Approval Date: February 27, 2018

Approved:


Jennifer Morse, Chair


Dennis May, Vice-Chair


Chuck Sokol, Select Board Member

Documents:

- Agenda 02-21-18
- MTRSD Agreement
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